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FROM AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ'S EAST ASIAN TRIP

REF: STATE 045182

1. VERY PLEASED AT PLANNED VISIT OF SECRETARY & MRS. BUTZ AND OTHER USDA OFFICIALS. AS RESULT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS AND TENTATIVE PLANNING, LIMITED BY LACK OF SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON TIMES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, WOULD LIKE PROPOSE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES:

SAT. APRIL 6--EVENING. DINNER (TENTATIVE). (CANNOT MAKE FIRM PLANS YET BECAUSE CONSUL GENERAL-DESIGNATE (WHO WILL ARRIVE MARCH 20) AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER ARE BOTH IN U.S.) (THIS WILL BE HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN HONG KONG; I.E., FRIDAY, APRIL 5, IS OFFICIAL HOLIDAY, CH'ING MING FESTIVAL (SWEEPING OF ANCESTORS GRAVES) WHICH WILL "SPILL OVER" MAKING A 3-DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

SUN. APRIL 7--DAYTIME. TRIP TO NEW TERRITORIES ON SUNDAY OF HOLIDAY WEEKEND A VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBOKITY (TRAFFIC JAMS). WE ARE INVESTIGATING ALTERNATIVES.

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EVENING--COCKTAIL RECEPTION GIVEN BY AG OFFICER (INVITING COMMODITY IMPORTERS, TRADERS AND PROCESSORS, AND HK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS).

MON. APRIL 8--MORNING OR AFTERNOON (DEPENDING ON TIME OF DEPARTURE AND AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNOR) (1) COURTESY CALL ON GOVERNOR AND/OR OTHER HIGH HKG OFFICIAL AND (2) BRIEFING BY HKG DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES. (NOT ENOUGH TIME TO VISIT NEW TERRITORIES.)

LUNDH--AMERICAN CHAMBER OF GJMVSRCCE WOULD LIKE SEC'Y BUTZ AS LUNCHEON SPEAKER (WOULD ANTICIPATE 100-200 ATTENDING). (NOTE: THIS DISCUSSED VERY TENTATIVELY AND DISCRETELY WITH NO COMMITMENTS OF ANY KIND MADE.)

LUNCH (FOR MRS. BUTZ)--IF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON WERE STAG, A LUNCHEON FOR MRS. BUTZ WOULD BE GIVEN.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, CONGEN'S DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING AND SERVICING PLANE AND CREW WHILE IN HONG KONG, COURTESY OF PORT WILL BE REQUESTED.

3. IN ORDER MAKE MORE PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS, NEED RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE:

A. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. URGENTLY NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ROOMS, TYPES OF ROOMS (SINGLES OR DOUBLES, SUITE FOR SEC'Y BUTZ, ETC.) HOTEL PREFERENCES (E.G. PENINSULA, HILTON, MANDARIN, ETC.). WE WILL DO BEST ACCOMMODATE BUT MUST STRESS URGENCY THIS MATTER IN VIEW HEAVY TOURIST TRADE.

B. PRESS GUIDANCE. WHAT SORT OF NEWS COVERAGE IS DESIRED? (NOTE: SATURDAY NOT IDEAL FOR AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY IF ARRIVING LATE IN AFTERNOON.) IF LUNCHEON SPEECH IS ARRANGED FOR MONDAY, PRESS COULD BE INVITED. USIS OFFERS NEWS RELEASE 3 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL, IF DESIRED.

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C. WIVES. HOW MANY WIVES IN OFFICIAL PARTY?

4. HAVE NO SPECIAL DRESS SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE FOR FUNCTIONS DURING HONG KONG VISIT.  
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